

Faith in the City



Worshippers gather for Sunday services at the church on Atlantic Ave. in Cypress Hills. Photo by Katherine Finkelstein

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FOLLOWERS OF JESUS MENNONITE CHURCH

Religious affiliation: Christian/Anabaptist/Biblical Mennonite Alliance

Address and neighborhood: 3065 Atlantic Ave., Cypress Hills, Brooklyn

Name of religious leader: The Rev. Richard Schwartz, pastor for four years.

Years at present location: The church was founded in 1989 and has been housed in a converted brick manufacturing building for the past 10 years.

Size and character of congregation: The average attendance on Sunday is nearly 120.

honest, productive lives in our communities, pointing others to our Father in heaven through submission to His Son, Jesus Christ," said Schwartz.

Biggest success/prodest moment:

"Our most special moments in church life are when the good news of Jesus Christ changes the lives of our brothers and sisters in the church. When the Holy Spirit speaks to a person and that person acts in response to the prompting of the Spirit, God is glorified and the family of God is blessed," Schwartz said.

Most memorable service: "The celebration service we had in 2004 after worship services was a highlight for many of our members."

Most popular after-service gathering spots: In homes of fellow church members and at a Dunkin' Donuts shop on Atlantic Ave.

Other services and programs offered:

Followers of Jesus School for grades 1 through 12; Vacation Bible School; group meetings during the week; a monthly half night of prayer; Friday night boys and girls club meetings; a one-week camp for boys and girls in August in Pennsylvania; Urban International Outreach, a ministry for international students.

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